

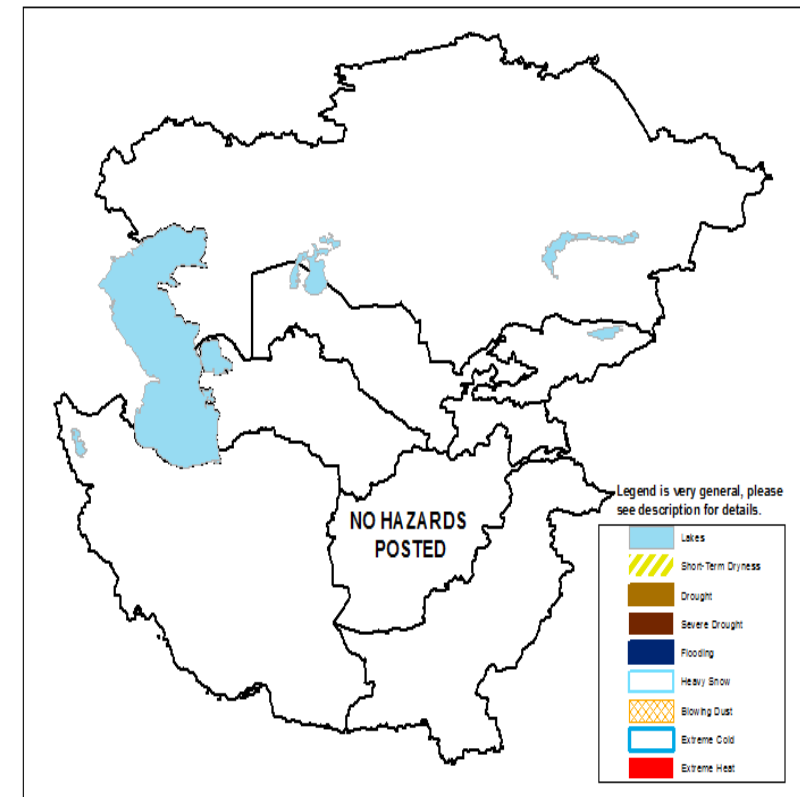
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 3 - 9, 2013

Temperatures:

From March 21-30, 2013, temperatures were above normal across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the lowlands of Afghanistan, with positive anomalies ranging between 1 to 4 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, normal to slightly below normal temperatures (1 to 2 degrees Celsius) were observed across the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan. During the next week, near to slightly above normal temperatures are forecast to continue across south Central Asia, except across higher elevations in northeastern Afghanistan and eastern Tajikistan, where below normal temperatures are forecast. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing except for northern Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Maximum temperatures are expected to reach 32 degrees Celsius across southwest Afghanistan during the second week of April.

Precipitation

During late March, the heaviest precipitation (local amounts >100mm) occurred along the border of eastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. Heavy rainfall coupled with snow melt may have triggered flooding. Light to moderate precipitation (5-25mm) was recorded across the remainder of Central Asia. The precipitation during the past month has nearly eliminated precipitation deficits across parts of Central Asia, although, snow water volume remain slightly below-average across basins in northeast Afghanistan. During the next week, light rain and high-elevation snow are forecast across Afghanistan and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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